

Minutes from MGSA 9/11/23 Board Meeting

- In attendance...** Kelly (president), Matt (vice president), Angie Coplan (treasurer), Brenna (secretary), Cally (sponsorship), Jesse (equipment), Kristine (fp director), Keith (sp director), Jill (outgoing practice scheduler), Eric (game scheduler), Bill (marketing), Laura (apparel), Tia (co-fp director)
- Not in attendance -** Kristin (volunteer director)
- Review of Board Positions**

Jill (practice fields) and Angie (treasurer) leaving positions. One person who was interested in either position was not selected due to the fact that his daughter would be aging out the following season and both roles take at least a year for training and longevity at these roles is important. Another person was interested in the treasurer's position, 8U and 10U daughters in fastpitch. Angie (treasurer) made motion to move James Montgomery into the Treasurer position. Motion passed. James (incoming treasurer) will attend the next meeting as our official treasurer. Discussion of open positions (practice scheduler) and will be looking for volunteers who have younger children in the program for longer tenure. Tia (co-fp director) has agreed to fill in for the practice scheduler in the short term.

- Review of core values by the President.**
- Practice/Scheduler update**

Jill (outgoing practice scheduler) reported that there was stress at the beginning of the 2023 season with the loss of Groveland fields. Fall has been much better. Using Hopkins Jr High was okay. Neighborhood people use it regularly so hard to manage that but it worked. No one wants Chanhassen Sunset Ridge fields. Kelly (president) – Once game schedules are out we should do a better job at filling in the empty time slots with practices. Group discussion of field options and need to find more practice fields.

- Brenna (secretary) presented on Board compliance needs**
- Website Updates** – Kelly (president) said will be working on updates in the coming months.
- Coach/player contracts or code of conduct**– Kelly (president) led the discussion of a no tolerance rule in arguing with other opposing coaches, umpires, etc. Potential committee to come up with – Keith (sp director), Kristine (fp director), Matt (vice president) volunteered to collect examples and propose to the board prior to 2023 season starts.
- Treasurer Report** – Oct-YTD P&L was reviewed by Angie (treasurer). Slowpitch in positive at \$18k, fastpitch in positive at \$17k. MGSA general expenses not split out. Volunteer buyouts not included in that number. The board and new treasurer will work to get a more consistent reporting system for board meetings in near future.
- Sponsorship Report** – Matt (former sponsorship director) – He will take down and assess the condition of banners. Throughout the year the field crew will need to check banners each day to ensure they are up. Need to buy a stockpile of equipment to stay in the shed so they can be put up. Add a volunteer shift to put up and take down banners. Potential to charge more for sponsorship banners. Cally (incoming sponsorship director) will work with Matt to transition in this role.

- Equipment Director Report** – Jesse (equipment director) led discussion on spending approval. Tabled for new treasurer
- Game Scheduler Report** – Eric (game scheduler) was never able to get a downloaded schedule from USA softball. Eric found a way to pull into excel off the website in spring/summer. Did not work in fall, Eric would like to attend MN Softball meeting to address solutions. When we go to get fields for games, Eric would be able to go to the other meetings.
- Slowpitch Report** – Keith (slowpitch director) is phasing out with his youngest in last season. Keith would like to stay on the board as a co-director while training the new director for about two years. Keith nominated Justin Long as the next slowpitch director. He will attend the next board meeting to be introduced and the board will vote at the same meeting. Jenn Kullman and Brenna Ramy will assist in administrative duties for the slowpitch program. Justin will shadow Keith this season.
- Legacy Report** - Construction season next season on lower parking lot and will create parking issues. Kelly was told that handicap parking will be allowed.
- Fastpitch Report** - Kristine (fastpitch director) reported that the program is doing well, paid umps, 2nd cage up helping a lot for fastpitch. Shout out to Eric on game scheduling as it was the best ever. Apparel has been great. Tryouts and team formation. Had a good retention of players. Meg Montgomery is the new addition to the fp committee. Change in age eligibility (USA Softball) for 2023 fall was a smooth transition.
- Volunteering Report** Kristin (volunteer director) was absent. Board would like to see where we compare volunteering between fastpitch or slowpitch. We will ask that this report be shared at the next board meeting. Sixty players' families did not complete their volunteer requirement and deposits were kept. Most of these families were from 6UFP. Buyouts seemed to have increased and split down the middle between fp and sp families.
- Marketing Report** – Bill (marketing director) will work with Laura and Keith for MCEC catalog and postcard. Everything should be routine. Kelly (president) will make flyers this year.
- Mulch Report** – Looking into doing it with another company and hosting it at the HS.
- Concession Report** – Kelly (president) reported that hiring out the fall helped. Refrigerator update, work completed. Needs to be vented in the trailer. Wishlist -need new popcorn machine.
- Apparel Report** – Laura (apparel) is meeting with Elsa on Wednesday to discuss how to integrate websites together to be able to do on demand ordering. Uniforms, she will work with SquadLocker to have full uniform. Will check to make sure they offer TCK socks. Home and away jerseys for FP is a request, but that is up to the fp committee to discuss.

Meeting adjourned